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BY EMAIL

May 15, 2017

Mr. Greg Beharriell
Cornwall Street Railway Light & Power Company Limited (Cornwall Power)
1130 Bertie St., P.O. Box 1218
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Dear Mr. Beharriell,

Re: Ontario Electricity Support Program – Credit Amounts Effective May 1, 2017

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), which came into effect on January 1, 2016, is a program that delivers on-bill rate assistance to low-income electricity customers.

On December 22, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) [directed](#) Cornwall Power to provide the same amount of OESP rate assistance to eligible residential customers in its service area as it would have to apply if it were rate-regulated by the OEB. That direction was made pursuant to subsection 79.2(11) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), and remains in effect.¹

Recently, amendments were made to [Ontario Regulation 314/15](#) (Ontario Electricity Support Program) under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, effective May 1, 2017. The revised regulation increases the OESP credits available to eligible households by 50%. In addition, the revised regulation expands the eligibility for the program by adding new classes of eligible households. On April 25, 2017, the OEB issued an [order](#) to rate-regulated distributors requiring them to apply the revised credit amounts established by the regulation, effective May 1, 2017 (EB-2016-0376). The revised OESP credits are shown in the tables below.

¹ Subsection 79.2(11) of the act stipulates that every licence issued to a distributor is “deemed to contain conditions requiring the licensee to do anything necessary to implement and administer the provision of rate assistance [under the OESP] as may be required by the Board”.

Table 1: Sliding Scale for Typical Customer

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$45	\$45	\$51	\$57	\$63	\$75	\$75
28,001 – 39,000		\$40	\$45	\$51	\$57	\$63	\$75
39,001 – 48,000			\$35	\$40	\$45	\$51	\$57
48,001 – 52,000					\$35	\$40	\$45

Table 2: Sliding Scale for Energy Intensive Customers*

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$68	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113	\$113
28,001 – 39,000		\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113
39,001 – 48,000			\$52	\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83
48,001 – 52,000					\$52	\$60	\$68

**Applicable to households that are reliant on electric heat or electricity-intensive medical devices, as well as Indigenous households.*

As a result of the OEB's December 22, 2015 letter, Cornwall Power is required to provide these updated OESP credits to its eligible customers, effective May 1, 2017.

Pursuant to subsection 3(4) of Ontario Regulation 314/15, Cornwall Power will continue to be compensated by the Independent Electricity System Operator on a monthly basis for the cost of applying the OESP credits on eligible customers' bills.

Thank you for Cornwall Power's co-operation in delivering this important program for low-income electricity consumers. Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to industryrelations@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary